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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 27th/August, through Sunday, 3rd/September there were 205 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5R, 5T, 5W, 5Z, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A3, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E4, E5/n, E5/s, E6, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FH, FK, FM, FO, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J6, JA, JT, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OJ0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PY, PZ, R1FJ, S0, S5, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T2, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TR, TT, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9X, VP2E, VP2M, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XU, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YL, YO, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS, ZS8

PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

3B8, MAURITIUS. Hans, PA3HGT, will be active as 3B8/PA3HGT from Mauritius (AF-049) between September 5-22nd. Activity will be holiday style on 40/20/10 meters using SSB and possibly some Digital modes. Equipment will be an Icom IC7100 into an Endfed antenna. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau. Possibly LoTW (experimental).

3B8, MAURITIUS. Flavio, IW2NEF, will be active as 3B8/IW2NEF from the Pearle Beach Resort, Flic en Flac, Mauritius (AF-049), between October 16-23rd. Activity will be holiday style on various HF bands. He usually will be using an Yaesu FT-857 into a fishing rod antenna at 10 meters. QSL via IK2DUW.

3Y0Z BOUVET DXPEDITION (More on the 160m Vertical). Tim Duffy, K3LR, reports: The DX Engineering and Bouvet Island teams have worked together to design an efficient 90 foot top loaded 160 meter vertical antenna that

can be installed quickly and safely on Bouvet Island by the 3Y0Z team this January.

With a good radial system the difference in gain between a 120 ft (full quarter wavelength) vertical and this custom 90 foot top loaded vertical is less than 0.5 dB.

This vertical uses a custom designed heavy duty hinged pivot base with base insulators to accommodate a 40 foot falling derrick 3 inch heavy duty pipe for installation.

The vertical is base fed using two inductors to match to 50 ohms. The first 70 feet of the vertical is Universal Aluminum tower (12 inch face) and the top 20 feet is 1.875 inch diameter aluminum tubing.

There are guys at 30, 50 and 70 feet. There are also three 30 foot top loading wires attached to the top of the tubing that are tied to anchors 60 feet out from the base.

DXE is actually donating two of these vertical packages to the 3Y0Z team in case one gets damaged (there are 300 storms per year on Bouvet).

More details on the construction and the final test raising plus VSWR measurements are shown in the video filmed and produced (in 4K Ultra) by Greg, W8WWV.

5K300, COLOMBIA (Special Event). A group of Colombian operators will be active using the special callsign 5K300PF between September 1-15th, to commemorate the visit of Pope Francis. Activity will be on all modes and bands. Operators mentioned are HK3TU, HK3OEE, HK3DIO, HK5WI, HK7IPT, HK7JA, HK1X, HK3JE, HK3LCU, HK3ORE and HJ3JAB. QSL via HK1X.

5X, UGANDA. Anton, ON6NL, will once again be active as 5X8C from Entebbe sometime at the end of October 2017. The length of his stay is currently unknown. Activity will be on various HF bands. He plans to be in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th). QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau, LoTW or ClubLog.

60 METERS NEWS. Both Kenya and Estonia now have access to the 60 meter band as of September 1st. For more details on their privileges, see:
http://www.arrl.org/news/view/estonia-kenya-join-60-meter-club

6W, SENEGAL (Update). Ronald, VE3REV, recently moved to Dakar in August 2016, and is expected to be active as 6W1SU for the next 2 to 3 years. Activity will be on 80-6 meters, and he is currently operating SSB only, but hoping to tackle CW later. His station has a new Yaesu FT DX 1200 with a Yaesu FL1200Z Amp into a MA5B three element yagi, a 6M 6JXXJ 6 element yagi and dipoles for 40/80m. Dave, VE9CB, announced this past week he will be active as 6W1SU in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 25-26th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. No other details were provided. QSL 6W1SU via M0URX direct or the OQRS (direct or by the Bureau).

7Y, ALGERIA. Bodo, DF8DX, will once again be active as 7Y0A from Bechar between September 11-22nd. Activity will be on various HF bands using CW and SSB. QSL via info on QRZ.com.

8P9, BARBADOS. Operators Bob/WB2YQH (8P9RN), Steve/WF2S (8P9SL) and Bob/W2KKZ (8P9KZ) will be active from Christchurch, Barbados (NA-021), between October 17-25th. They will use a K3S to an Acom 600s amplifier feeding a S9-43 vertical antenna on 80-10 meters, including the WARC bands. Look for 8P9RN to be active on CW and SSB; 8P9SL will be operating the Digital

modes (RTTY, PSK and JT65) plus some CW and SSB; and 8P9KZ will be on CW ad SSB modes. A full color QSL card will be available via ClubLog's OQRS or via their home callsigns for all callsigns. 8P9SL will also be uploaded to LoTW. See QRZ.com pages for each call for complete information and ClubLog search feature.

8P9, BARBADOS. Joseph, N7BF, will be active as 8P9BT from Barbado (NA-021) between November 4-12th. Activity will be holiday style on 40-10 meters using SSB. QSL via his home callsign direct.

8Q, MALDIVES. John, MM0VEG, will be active as 8Q7BI from Machchafushi, South Ari Atoll (AS-013) between October 7-16th. Activity will be holiday style on 20 meters using SSB, if propagation is good or PSK31 if poor. QSL via LoTW, ClubLog's OQRS or request via E-mail. Log will be uploaded to ClubLog and LoTW daily. BE ADVISED: The 8Q7BI callsign is a re-issued callsign. It was used by Sascha, DG4ABE, in May 2015.

CN, MOROCCO. Operators Tev/TA1HZ and Golkem/TA7AZC will be active as CN2HZ and CN2ZC, respectively, from Ksar es Sghir between September 6-13th. They plan to participate in the WAE DX SSB Contest (September 9-10th) with their CN callsigns. They will be sharing a Yaesu FT991 running 100w to a windom antenna. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW and LZ3HI is the QSL Manager for CN2HZ. For CN2ZC, please QSL direct to TA7AZC.

DXPEDITIONS PROGRESS REPORTS. On the ARRL Web page, there is a listing of upcoming DXpeditions to rare DXCC entities with progress reports. The DXpeditions listing includes 2018 Baker & Howland Islands (KH1), 2018 3Y0Z Bouvet Island and the 2017 VK9MA Mellish Reef operations. To read the progress reports, go:
http://www.arrl.org/news/view/planned-dxpeditions-to-rare-entities-report-progress

DXCC'S MOST WANTED (ClubLog). The "DXCC Most Wanted" entities list has been updated on ClubLog as of August 31st. The top 10 entities are:

1.	P5	DPRK (North Korea)	6. CE0X	San Felix Islands
2.	3Y/B	Bouvet Island	7. BV9P	Pratas Island
3.	FT5/W	Crozet Island	8. KH3	Johnston Island
4.	KH1	Baker Howland Islands	9. VK0M	Macquarie Island
5.	BS7H	Scarborough Reef	10. KH7K	Kure Island

The complete "DXCC Most Wanted" entities list is available at:
https://secure.clublog.org/mostwanted.php

FG/TO2, GUADELOUPE. Bill, K2HVN, will be active as FG/K2HVN or TO2E from Grande Terre Island (NA-102) between November 5-10th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via his home callsign. NO eQSL or LoTW.

GREEN PARTY AND WWFF ACTIVITIES.....

CXFF-xxxx -- By CX3ACS; between now and September 10th; operators will announce their activities on the DXCluster

OZFF-0012 -- By OU7M/P; now and September 4th; the EDR Club Mors-Nordthy are doing the EDR HF Field day; at Mors Island EU-171; everybody is welcome in the log - Please RS(T) + a seriel number; activity on 80/40/20/15/10m SSB + RTTY + PSK31 + CW; more

info at
FFF 1687 -- By F5NLX/P; September 4th; between 0630-0930z; also DFCF 73183; WCA F 06476 departement 73
VKFF-1994 -- By VK2JNG; September 5th; between 0000-0400z; Seaham Swamp Nature Reserve; 7144 kHz SSB
VKFF-1776 -- By VK2JNG/P; between September 5-6th; Khappinghat National Park; 7144 kHz SSB; FIRST ACTIVATION!; Around 12:00
FFF-0178 -- By FO/DF1YP; between September 6th and October 1st; holiday style operation from Lagoon de Moorea; activity 20/17/15m using SSB and the Digital modes; All details on QRZ.com
VKFF-2021 -- By VK2JNG/P; between September 6-7th; Wingham Brush Nature Reserve; 7144 kHz SSB; FIRST ACTIVATION!; Around 12:00
KFF-2091 -- By WX2CIB/P; September 7-11th; 15th Annual K2P 2017 Gathering at Kring Point State Park, NY; Please join them on-air and/or at the park if you can. All operating will be SSB, bands and times to come later; please watch for WX2CIB/P on DXclusters
VKFF-0439 -- By VK2JNG/P; September 7-8th; Saltwater National Park; 7144 kHz SSB; FIRST ACTIVATION!; around 12:00
VKFF-1897 -- By VK2JNG/P; September 7-8th; Brimbin Nature Reserve; 7144 kHz SSB; FIRST ACTIVATION!; around 12:00
FFF-0048 -- By F/OO5G; September 10-12th; reactivation of FFF-048, from Parc Régional du Haut Languedoc; All bands, holiday style
VKFF-0741 -- By VK4PF/P; September 10th; between 0300-0700z; from Lower Goulburn National Park; 7144 kHz SSB, usual caveats, Other bands likely
OZFF-0001 -- By OZ0JD/P; September 10-14th; from EU-088; see webpage for more info: http://oz0jd.dk/ozff-expeditions/
IFF-1149 -- By IQ4FJ/4; September 10th; between 0800-1500z; Activation programmed on September 10th, if no rain; Locator: JN54QF; The IFF reference was introduced in IFF directory on July 1st, 2017; active band: HF (20m and 40m), 6m and 2m (maybe)

For more information about WWFF upcoming operations, see:
http://wwff.co/agenda
Also suggest URLs:
World-Wide -- https://www.facebook.com/groups/WWFF44
USA -- https://www.facebook.com/groups/parksontheair
A special DXCluster for WWFF is available at: http://wwff.co/dx-cluster

IOTA NEWS.....

EU-191. A group of Romanian operators are now active as YP0F from Insula Fericirii (Island of Happiness) until September 3rd. Activity is holiday style on 80-10 meters using mostly SSB. Operators mentioned are Stefan/YO3GA, Carnicianu/YO4GKP, Pet/YO9RIJ and Maria/YO9RYJ. QSL via YO9RIJ direct.

OC-110. Rodney, YJ8RN will once again be active as YJ8RN/P from Loh Island, Torres Islands, Vanuatu, between September 11-29th. Activity will be on 80/40/20 meters using SSB only. QSL via NZ4DX.

IOTA TOUR (Rare Scottish). DX-World reports that John, G4LTH, has announced that he will try to be active as GM4LTH/P from the rare Scottish islands of St. Kilda, Flannan's and Shiant's during September 15-18th. All activity is very weather dependent. Scheduled dates are as follows:

Hirta, St. Kilda (EU-059) — September 15-16th
Flannan Isles (EU-118) — September 16th
Shiant Islands (EU-112) — September 18th

Further activity from Outer Hebrides (EU-010) are also expected.

OJ0, MARKET REEF (Update/Cancelled). As mentioned last week, Jukka, OH2BR, was expected to be active as OJ0/OH2BR from Market Reef for one week, but due to family reasons he had to cancel his operation. However, Vladimir, UA4WHX, is now there operating as OJ0/UA4WHX for about a week. Activity will be on 160/80/60/40/30/17 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via UA4WHX.

P4, ARUBA. John, W2GD, will once again be active as P40W from Aruba (SA-036) between October 23-31st. Activity will include the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. Operations outside of the contest (before and after) are usually CW on 160/80m and 30/17/12 meters as time permits. Watch 160m on the hour and 80m on the half hour. QSL via LoTW or direct to N2MM, Bureau cards are no longer accepted. Logs will be loaded on LoTW upon his return to the USA.

PJ4, BONAIRE. Ant, MW0JZE, will be active as PJ4/MW0JZE from Bonaire (SA-006) between September 15-30th. Activity will be on various HF bands using SSB, RTTY and FT8, with a TS-590 into a hexbeam. Operations will include the CQWW DX RTTY Contest (September 23-24th). QSL via M0OXO, direct, the OQRS or LoTW.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (September 4-10th).....

Sep/04th	AN	Sep/07th	AN	Sep/09th AN
Sep/05th	AN	Sep/08th	HN	Sep/10th AN
Sep/06th	AN			

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

REALTIME BAND CONDITIONS WEB SITE :
The purpose of this experimental Web site is to provide 24-7-365 actual (REALTIME) band condition information to CW QRPp, QRPe and CW/SSB for Contesters interested in increasing their scores. It can also be of benefit to other Radio Amateurs to determine band conditions for Nets and casual QSO's. This information is NOT based on any software predictions or any kind of satellite based readings. It is based on a new Ionospheric sounding method called "HF Ionospheric Interferometry" which operates very similarly to the PolSAR system used by NASA.

Also, check out the VOACAP predication Web page at:
http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html
A daily HF radio wave propagation forecast can be found at:

https://www.facebook.com/thomasfranklingiellaw4hm
Also on Twitter: https://twitter.com/@GiellaW4hm

PY0F, FERNANDO DE NORONHA. Leo, PP1CZ, will once again be active as PY0F/PP1CZ from Fernando de Noronha (SA-003, DIB OC-01, WLOTA 1208, WWFF PYFF-016) between September 22-27th. Activity will be holiday style on 80-10 meters with some tries on 6 meters (if he has propagation on this band) and using CW, RTTY and some SSB, possibly JT65 and FT8. QSL him direct or ClubLog's OQRS. NO Bureau or LoTW. Check out the pictures of his 2013/2014/2015 operations on QRZ.com.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX by Lothar, DL1SBF... (September 3rd)

3Z100ZIM via SP5ZIM	EG9SDC via EA1AUM	RK1A via RV1AQ
4O7GXB via IZ7GXB (d/L)	EM0I via UT2IZ	SA5K via SM5ELV & (e)
5K300PF via HK1X	EM60S via UW5SW	SD6M via SA6BGR & (L)
5P5T via OZ1FDH	EO25P via UT1PG (d/e)	SK6SYL via SM6KAT
5P8Y/P via OZ1ACB	G8T via G4SHF	SM6/DL1HTW via DL1HTW (O/e)
9A/DL1CW via DL1CW	HA/OM1WS/P via OM1WS	SN0ENI via SP0OTC & (L)
9A/IZ3NXC via IK3GES	HA60KNA via HA3KNA	SN40SONDA via SP5IOU & (L)
9A/OE5WIK via OE5WIK	HB0/OE5YYN/P via OE5YYN	SN75PW via SP1PMY
9M60MP via 9W2EYR (d)	HF0ARC via SQ1SGB	SN7L via SP7PGK
A61FK via A61BK (d)	HG1Z via HA1XY	SV8/DF6MS via DF6MS
A61M via A61BK	IA5/IW2MXY via IW2MXY	SV8/DL1MIA via DL1MIA
A92AA via A92AA (d/O)	IJ7/IZ7LDC via IZ7LDC	T6/IZ1CCK via IZ1BWB
DR60SAL via DK8VR	K0F via K0VBU (d)	TK/DL2SAX via DL2SAX
ED2C via EA2CJ	KH6LC via WA6WPG & (L)	TK/DL3TU via DL3TU
EE2R via EA2RCA	KH6TU via KH6TU (L)	TM0W via F2CT
EG1SDC via EA1AUM	LZ02WFF via LZ1BJ	TM150ST via F6AST
EG2SDC via EA1AUM	OJ0/UA4WHX via UA4WHX	TM8SRY via F5KCC (B)
EG3SDC via EA1AUM	OK/DL2DXA/P via DL2DXA	TZ4PR via F1UIJ (d)
EG4SDC via EA1AUM	OY1OF via M0URX	VP2ETE via W3HNK
EG5SDC via EA1AUM	OZ/PA4HM via PA4HM	YB0ECT via W2FB
EG5VCE via EB5AG & (L)	PI40BOZ via PD3JAG	YP0F via YO9RIJ
EG6SDC via EA1AUM	PS2T via K3IRV	YR2017SIMPO via YO3KAA
EG7SDC via EA1AUM	PT6B via PY6HD	ZS8Z via ZS1LS
EG8SDC via EA1AUM	R460KB via UA6XT	ZV1WSA via PU1VFC (d)

(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only

P5/3Z9DX PIRATE continues to be active this past week. Reports from a few DX sources state that Dom, 3Z9DX, reports he has not talked to any DX source about his return trip to P5. He adds, "All DX spots are fake and are made by local Polish guy who is not mentally well. If you worked P5/3Z9DX recently you worked a simple clown / pirate. There is still no more information for now from North Korean officials about my return visit. In addition, at the moment, I'm concentrating on other projects for later this year and 2018."

QSLS RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 9X0TA, CO2JD, HL4RBR, J3/VE7ACN, LY2YR, MI0NWA, OE1SZW, PV8DX, TL8TT, VK4CMV, XE2YWH, YB7GRN and ZP9CTS

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 7X4AN, 9Q5MRC, B7CRA (AS-143), E44WE, E51LYC (OC-098), FT3YL (AN-017) and IS0/OM8A

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 4S7KKG, 9K2HN, 9K2NO, 9K9GHL, 9V1XX, A61QQ, A63RI, CE3OP, EA6/DL7AFY, EA8/DL7UZO/P, DK65DARC, DR25MDK, DR1517LU, IS0SWW, K1L, K1T, LZ021SB, LZ1886PGS, LZ250MM, LZ386SKI, LZ429PS, LZ550SI, LZ883PI, N1G, N1M, N1T, OK2FD, PQ70FEB, PT155FD, PX3GC, S9YY, SV5/DJ5AA, SV5/DL3DRN, SV9/DL4KM/P, TA2ZAF, TI5/N2BA, TI7/OK1IEC, TI7/OK1NG, TX5K, TX7EU, TZ4AM, V31MV, VP2MWG, VP5T, VP6EU, VP8DRC, VP8IDY, VP8STI, VY2TT, W1M, WP4U, XR4SURF, XX9D, YB1JYL, YB16SUN, YC2TDA, YD1DXP, YF1AR/5 (IOTA OC-270), YF1AR/6 (IOTA OC-215), YI4RZ, YJ4AO, YN5Z, Z6/DF8AN, ZA/LZ2HM, ZF1A and ZW75PSO

RI1, FRANZ JOSEF LAND. Eugene, UA4RX, is now active as UA4RX/1 from Heiss Island until possibly August 2018. He wanted to renew his RI1FJ callsign, but word has it that he ran into a snag and will continue to use UA4RX/1 until the licensing problem is corrected. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via UA2FM direct or use ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW.

SPECIAL EVENT (Highway to a DX Party!). The Citrus Belt Amateur Radio Club of San Bernardino , California, is once again hosting (probably one of the most fun special event activities) the 18th annual "Route 66 On The Air" special event between September 9-17th. The purpose of this event is to offer amateur radio operators a fun way to "Relive the Ride" of their own memories of Route 66, and to celebrate the highway's 91st anniversary. The U.S. Highway 66 established in 1926, was the first major improved highway to link the west coast with the nations heartland. Through stories, songs, and TV shows, the highway came to symbolize the spirit of the freedom of the open road, inspiring many to see America. Look for the following 21 stations (two are rovers) operating in or around the major cities along the old "Route 66" from Santa Monica, California, to Chicago, Illinois:

Stations	City	Clubs/Individuals
W6A	Santa Monica, CA	Westside Amateur Radio Club
W6B	Los Angeles, CA	Westside Amateur Radio Club
W6C	San Bernardino, CA	Citrus Belt Amateur Radio Club
W6D	Victorville, CA	Victor Valley Amateur Radio Club
W6E	Barstow, CA	Barstow Amateur Radio Club
W6F	Kingman, AZ	K2 Amateur Radio Society
W6G	Flagstaff, AZ	Northern Arizona DX Association
W6H	Albuquerque, NM	Albuquerque DX Association
W6I	Amarillo, TX	Panhandle Amateur Radio Club
W6J	Elk City, OK	Route 66 Amateur Radio Association
W6K	Oklahoma City, OK	W6K Oklahoma City
W6L	Tulsa, OK	Tulsa Amateur Radio Club
W6M	Riverton, KS	Jim Cochran, K0RH
W6N	Joplin, MO	Joplin Amateur Radio Club
W6O	Lebanon, MO	Lebanon Amateur Radio Club
W6P	St. Louis, MO	St. Louis Amateur Radio Club
W6Q	Chicago, IL	Six Meter Club of Chicago
W6R	Springfield, MO	Southwest Missouri Amateur RC
W6U	Wilmington, IL	Wilmington Area Amateur Radio Club

ROVER STATIONS

W6S	ROVER 1	Northern Arizona DX Association
W6T	ROVER 2	Northern Arizona DX Association

Special event stations are expected to be found in the vicinity of the following frequencies. (Look for digital modes in the standard band segments for such mode) All frequencies +/- QRM:

CW - 3533, 7033, 10110, 14033, 18080, 21033, 24900, 28033 and 50033 kHz
SSB - 3866, 7266, 14266, 18164, 21366, 24966, 28466 and 50166 kHz
Digi - 3580, 7070, 10140, 14070, 18100, 21070, 24920 and 28120 kHz
R66 MOBILE Operations - Any amateurs operating while actually driving along Route 66 during the special event period are encouraged to take part in "Route 66 On The Air", by using the designation "mobile 66" for SSB or "/m66" for CW after their callsigns. All other amateur radio operators are welcome to contact these mobile operators.
REPEATERS - Some of the participating clubs will also be operating this event from their local VHF/UHF repeaters. Check the ARRL repeater guide for possible repeater frequencies, if you're in the local area.

Each participating club will issue their own QSL card commemorating this event. QSL information is available on the Web at:

http://w6jbt.org/?page_id=27

For more details about the event and the certificate that is available, please visit the "Route 66 OTA Site" at:

http://w6jbt.org/?page_id=15
http://w6jbt.org/?page_id=23

SPECIAL EVENT (Military Vehicle Convoy On-The-Air Event Route 66). The "2017 Military Vehicle Convoy On-The-Air Event Route 66 Event" will operate the following callsigns during September and October:

K4"M" Week #1 - K4M - September 16-22nd
K4"V" Week #2 - K4V - September 23-29th
K4"P" Week #3 - K4P - September 30th-October 6th
K4"A" Week #4 - K4A - October 7-14th

Each special callsign will ONLY be used during 1 of the 4 weeks the MVPA Military Vehicle Convoy will be traveling along their month-long journey. They will add a "Clean Sweep" marker for making contact with ALL (4) callsigns. Visit for operating details, QSL information, and to follow the Convoy's 2,243 mile journey - equipped with APRS tracking equipment.

V4, ST. KITTS. Gary, G0FWX, will once again be active as V4/G0FWX from the QTH of John, V47JA, at Calypso Bay, St. Kitts (NA-104), between November 8-15th. Activity will be holiday style (in between sunbathing and the casino) on various HF bands. QSL via M0URX or the OQRS.

VK9C, COCOS-KEELING ISLANDS (Update). Operators Chris/GM3WOJ and Keith/GM4YXI will once again be active as VK9CZ from Cocos Keeling Islands (OC-003) between October 24th and November 7th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and some RTTY. Two stations will be on the air. They will also be in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 28-29th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via N3SL. For more details and updates, see:

http://www.vk9cz2017.com

VP8, FALKLAND ISLANDS. Dr. Eberhard Rizakowitz, DL7JLL, will be active as VP8JLL from the Falklands between November 15-25th. No other details were provided. QSL via the Bureau or direct to: Dr. Eberhard Rizakowitz,

Weissenburger Strasse 34, 13595 Berlin, Germany.

W4DXCC CONVENTION (Press Release #2). Dave Anderson, K4SV, sent out the following on August 29th [edited]: The W4DXCC DX and Contest Convention is located at the MainStay Suites in Pigeon Forge, TN, September 22-23rd, 2017. A full schedule of popular presenters speak on DX and Contest subjects throughout the main convention with prize drawings between presenters, drinks and snacks included. Equipment manufacturers are on hand to demonstrate new products and answer your equipment questions face to face. A banquet rounds out the day where the grand prizes are drawn.

Do not forget the Ham Radio Bootcamp, the place for new and experienced hams come to learn starting from the basics ending to how to setup and use JT65 and FT8.

Its time to make reservations and get your tickets. We look forward to seeing everyone.

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